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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. The application has been amended in view of a Printer Query requiring the relationship of the PCT application and the 09 application in the status paragraph.
3. On page 1 of the specification, after "Related Applications", the status paragraph has been rewritten as:

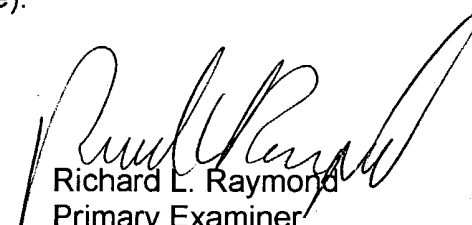
--- This application is a 371 of PCT/US00/18935, filed July 7, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 09/350,768, filed July 9, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,255,336. ---

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard L. Raymond whose telephone number is (571) 272-0673. The examiner can normally be reached on maxi-flex.

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